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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 25-Nov-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 11/25/06	PREVIOUS WEEK 11/18/06
Broiler/fryer	123,941	167,718
Light hens	600	1,206
Heavy hens	937	1,639

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 18-Nov-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	115	3	118
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	127	0	127
Same week yr ago	244	3	247
To-date/2006	6,868	46	6,914
To-date/2005	11,967	63	12,030

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,266	1,718	2,984
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,082	1,600	2,682
Same week yr ago	1,671	1,447	3,118
To-date/2006	56,759	68,943	125,702
To-date/2005	78,229	65,499	143,728

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 18-NOV-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	160,453	1,151	1,715	2,866
Avg Wt	5.49	3.23	7.42	5.74
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	166,315	955	1,600	2,555
Same wk yr ago	163,621	1,427	1,444	2,871
Avg Wt	5.46	3.37	8.45	5.93
To-date/2006	7,449,371	49,891	68,897	118,788
To-date/2005	7,432,403	66,262	65,436	131,698

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 156.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 162.4 million head, or 6.1 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 18-NOV-06

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	46,410	77,490	22,232	14,321	160,453
Avg Live Wgt	3.88	5.48	7.08	8.29	5.49
% of total /1	29%	48%	14%	9%	100%
Last week	40,540	91,151	17,258	17,366	166,315
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.45	7.09	8.19	5.50
% of total /1	24%	55%	10%	11%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	54,985 3.79	53,512 5.74	39,502 6.88	15,622 8.54	163,621 5.46
% of total /1	34%	33%	24%	10%	100%
To date/2006	2,118,940	3,688,798	1,029,441	612,192	7,449,371
To date/2005	2,168,215	3,598,588	1,235,268	430,332	7,432,403

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

- (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.
- (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
- (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.
- (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 18-NOV-06
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	2,357	2,757	41	1	5,156
Avg Wt	17.18	36.75	26.77	26.83	27.72
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,835	2,964	62	0	5,861
Same wk yr ago	2,142	2,862	26	7	5,037
Avg Wt	16.23	35.89	26.52	36.79	27.48
To-date/2006	91,439	119,525	1,257	203	212,424
To-date/2005	85,031	119,812	1,144	202	206,189

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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